

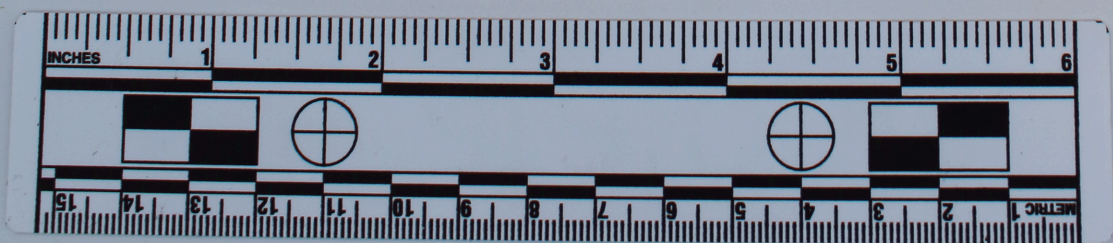
My Dear Edith.

Yours received some days ago but have not had time to answer earlier.

Uncle Elias is very very low and cannot last much longer. They came for us Saturday at midnight. He said he couldn't last till morning but today and yesterday he seems a little brighter but stilling to brighten up. Aunt Moll is staying with them and I am in P.O. better come up nearly every day and keep house for us so Maudie can be with Aunt to help them. Will let you know should anything serious happen. Poor fellow don't want to die. He had counted so much on going South this fall. So many people call to see him. Bring him flowers and he just worships them!

Has been out of his mind a few times but not hard to manage. Just in his talk.

This knocks my leaving here for a while and also disappointed but they all tell me now I ought to wait until fall and when it is cooler. Expect to draw wages while



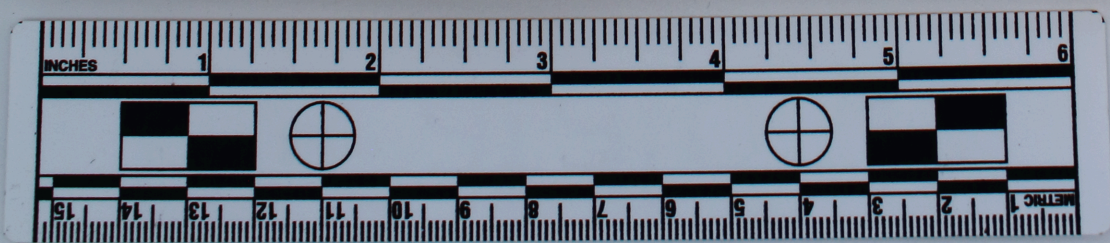
Saw in P.O. and let I salt it down
for fall.

Yes Nettie lives in the old brick
and Walter fixes it up to Has
made a big change in it already
Joe was down a week ago Saturday,
and Sunday Walter took all our
pictures down on their porch.

Joe and I had one taken that will
be awful. He had long rain coat
on a little cap a sword and a pipe.

I had big straw hat with red calico
crown and big red stripes a cane
with a bow of ribbon on. He was
on one knee, cap in hand and
looking up at me, and I was
laughing over and whispering him
under the chin that about 12 taken.
As soon as Walter finishes there I
will try and send you a few.

Came very near getting my foot in
it that day for had a date for
the evening with my true
love and no #6 didn't a dandy



young man I have been corresponding
with come from Alliance. Had
to tell him I had a date and he
had to put in the night at the
hotel. I think I made him angry
for I have not heard from him
since. Tell Peck "my man's with man"
came about 7.30 and about 7.45
got a telephone message from
Schaefer of Pitts. he would be
out on # 405. Sam made him
change his plans but he was
not angry. Said he would come
again. Edith I never think of
Clarence now. He has been very
poorly but fast for two weeks but
it's some better now.
Goes with Maud Smith of town.
Nettie's baby is doing fine now.
Gained 12 lbs in two weeks.
Weights 12 1/2 lbs, and was three
months old.
Eve Phipps tells me all the
news from Pitts but there ain't



much doing just now I guess.
Marice Kolmeyer and one of Aunt Laura's
neighbors have quit a case on
so has Eva and her man a
Carl Meade. He is one of our town
boys but works for on S.S. in Pitts-
and while I was there I went to
see him and took Eva. Since then
they have been thicker than molasses
in winter, and you know that
is saying pretty much.

Mamma and all end love and
want to know when you are
coming back here. Wish you could
come and then I would go back
with you. Can imagine the good
times we would have.
I would dance my little bear dance
and you could play monkey
as you used to do.

How dearie do writi to me soon
a long, long letter at once.
Will send you a card after letting
you know about Uncle. Forget to tell



you they have a nurse at night for
them. Carrie Marcher of town.
Her brother very low and she
can not come for the day time.
Sweet girl but all nurses are
sweet, but none can come up to
our Edith

With bushels of love and kisses
Dante ever yours

Maudette A. Alaback

P.S. Received a letter this other day and
will send it tomorrow for you to read and
return. Never saw the Gap but yes,
and that was while waiting on him at
midday. Had been reading letter and laid
envelope down and he saw the address.
Ollie sends love by the Cox road.

Chas. Valentin
June 14 '04.

